Call for Participants

International Workshop for Doctoral Students:

Praxeology and History in Dialogue

Dresden, October 7-9, 2020

Since 2016, the historical institutes of the universities of Wroclaw, Vienna and Dresden organize workshops for PhD students in history. Each workshop is dedicated to a common topic or methodological approach. These gatherings allow the participants to discuss and expand their own theoretical framework and methodological tool kit, to receive constructive feedback and become part of an international network of researchers.

This year, the Institute of History at the TU Dresden hosts the workshop on "Praxeology and History in dialogue". Inspired by sociology and anthropology, history shifted its focus to human deeds and agency in everyday life. Thus, current historiography scrutinizes social practices in their mutual relationship with historical events, changes and developments. In the workshop, we would like to discuss various approaches to conduct practice-oriented research as well as its theory and methods. Participants are encouraged to present praxeological aspects of their own dissertation topics and will receive response from their peers as well as from established scholars. Additionally, we will focus on methodological aspects of historical praxeology in a keynote lecture as well as during a panel on methodology.

In order to make the discussion and feedback most valuable, participants are asked to hand in written contributions of 5-10 pages before the workshop. These papers will circulate beforehand along with some methodological texts among all participants of the workshop.

To register, please send an abstract of your project in English and a cv until June 30, 2020 to:

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